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### REMARKS

Dependent Claims 61 and 74 have been canceled. Independent Claims 60 and 73 have been amended to recite the TECK-induced responses of canceled dependent Claims 61 and 74, respectively. Claims 60 and 73 have been further amended and Claim 86 has been amended to delete "TECK-induced signaling or." This Amendment adds no new matter.

#### Paragraph 3. Rejection of Claim 60, 62-64, 67-73 and 80-85 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph.

Claims 60, 62-64, 67-73 and 80-85 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that the term "TECK-induced response" is not limited to that which is disclosed in the specification and is indefinite.

Independent Claims 60 and 73, as amended, recite particular TECK-induced responses. The recited responses were previously recited in dependent Claims 61 and 74. Dependent Claims 61 and 74 are not subject to this rejection, but were objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon rejected claims. The amendments to Claims 60 and 73 obviate the rejection.

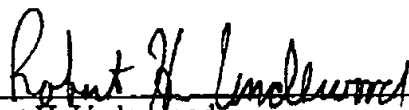
Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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